What is claimed is:

1. An access control system, comprising:

an electronic device adapted for operation using power from a power source, said power source energizing a circuit of said electronic device for enabling a startup procedure of said electronic device;

a switch, coupled between said power source and said processor, for enabling said energizing of said circuit responsive to an assertion of an activation signal; and

a biometric reader coupled to said switch, comprising:

a memory for storing a biometric signature;

a biometric sensor, coupled to said memory, for discerning a biometric profile; and

a verifier, coupled to said biometric sensor and to said memory, for asserting said activation signal when said biometric profile matches said biometric signature.

2. A method for controlling access to an electronic device, comprising:

discerning a biometric profile of a prospective user of the electronic device;

comparing said biometric profile to a stored biometric signature of an authorized user of the electronic device; thereafter

asserting an activation signal to a switch when said prospective user is an authorized user, said switch interposed between a power source of the electronic device and a circuit of the electronic device for enabling a startup procedure of said electronic device such that said switch interrupts power to said circuit when said activation signal is not asserted.